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Gunfighters saddle up for Hennessy Team

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
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366TH SERVICES SQUADRON

Mountain Home Air Force Base has a lot to be proud of, and now the Gunfighters can add another item to the list. The 366th Services Squadron food service recently received the top honors for the John L. Hennessy award in the Air Combat Command competition.

This year marks a milestone for the Hennessy Award, as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Gunfighters are hoping to make it even more significant by bringing the Air

Force level award to Idaho for the first time.

“Our food service team competed against 15 other bases for the Best Food Service Program within Air Combat Command,” said Chief Master Sgt. Rick Ives, 366th Services Squadron. “Seven bases submitted packages for consideration, and three of those seven were selected for a site visit in October to select the command winner. We received the ACC award, and now compete at the Air Force level.”

Bases can compete for the award in single or multiple categories. The single cat-

egory is for a base that operates one dining facility and serves three weekday meals. The multiple category is for bases with two facilities serving three meals a day throughout the week. In last years ACC competition, Langley Air Force Base, Va., won the award in the single category, while the Gunfighters took home the crown in the multiple category.

Starting Sunday, the Gunfighter food service professionals begin competing against nine other nominees for the title of “Best in the Air Force,” the winners will be announced in April.

While all the competitors are judged on the Air Force Food Services standard 14-day world-wide menu, the thing that set Gunfighters apart from the other competitors was that they provide special holiday and birthday meals. One of their main focuses is to reach out to dorm residents who may not get to have a home cooked meal with their families. On these special occasions, the Wagon Wheel Dining Facility provides fine dining with menus featuring items such as steak, shrimp and delectable desserts.

“We have a very motivated

team,” said Chief Ives. “We have a great shot at winning the Air Force. Our view – win or lose – is that our program is better because of the competition, which makes the overall facilities and service better for our patrons.”

Established in 1956, this prestigious award is given annually to the base with the most impressive food service program in the Air Force. The competition promotes excellence in customer service and quality of meals. Other areas of the competition include management oversight and readiness support. It is also designed to

inspire pride, professionalism and higher morale among services squadron Airmen.

“To win at command level is a coveted achievement,” said the chief. “But to capture the Air Force award means you’re the best in the entire Air Force – a huge motivator for our troops. Many people sometimes view food service as an ordinary day-to-day operation that just happens, to win the award would elevate the importance of the food service program to our troops and entire 366th Fighter Wing, and it is friendly ‘bragging rights’ with other bases.

“The Hennessy award is the highest honor a food service operation can attain,” said Maj. Anthony Lanuzo, 366th SVS commander. “The nomination and recognition of our base is something the entire 366th Fighter Wing can be proud of. It’s not only the dedication of the services squadron Airmen that make this happen. Success is also accomplished through customer support and feedback, giving us the necessary tools to make our dining facilities the best they can be. Win or lose, always striving to make things better for our Gunfighters is our top priority.”



STAFF SGT. ALEX POTTER, 366TH COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON PROPULSION FLIGHT, CHECKS TO MAKE SURE THE ENGINE IS STRAPPED DOWN.

Maintaining the life blood of the AF

By SENIOR AIRMAN SERGIO AGUIRRE
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The modern aircraft used today represent the pinnacle of airpower. But how do they get off the ground? Look to the bright fiery flame exiting the aircraft upon takeoff for a clue.

The 366th Component Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Flight is responsible for maintaining the life blood of the Air Force, which they feel is the jet engine.

With the 366th Fighter Wing having 73 assigned aircraft, three different airframes and more than 150 engines to maintain, this is quite a task.

“Everything we do here is a team effort,” said Senior Master Sergeant Robert Redman, 366th Component Maintenance Squadron. “We work as a team with not only our fellow technicians in the flight but also with the engine management element from the 366th Maintenance Operations Squadron and flight line maintainers from the 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. By working together, we keep the engines

installed in the aircraft for as long as possible before its next scheduled shop visit.”

“Working with EME, we forecast out three years to determine annual work-load requirements,” said Sergeant Redman. “We then build a six-month maintenance plan that allows us to remain flexible around the aircraft maintenance unit’s aircraft schedule and our workload. This allows us to be more productive in the shop and on the flight line.”

When an engine arrives to the propulsion flight, a receiving inspection is performed to identify all repair requirements. A meeting is then held to determine an overall repair recipe. The goal is to build a reliable engine that will remain in service until its next scheduled maintenance. After this meeting, the four sections of the flight get down to business. The engines themselves are built on a modular concept that allows the separate areas of the flight to operate on a specific part of the overall engine repair process.

The jet engine intermediate maintenance, modular



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Now, Bryce Fisher the “football player” has a shot at a Super Bowl ring and a title his hometown has been waiting 30 years for. The Seahawks, the newly crowned National Football Conference champions, will play ...

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Friday: Mostly Cloudy
High: 48 • Low 36



Saturday: Showers
High: 46 • Low 27



Sunday: Partly Cloudy
High: 40 • Low 20



What it takes to be a leader in today’s Air Force

By **TECH. SGT. RICH PARSONS**
GUNFIGHTER ALS
FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

The Air Force structure that we operate within today is in a constant state of transformation. In the 1990s, we operated under a total quality management concept; now, we operate while keeping the Air Force transformation flight plan in mind. The transformation flight plan serves as a guide for Air Force operations as an individual service and as part of the joint services team. Operating effectively under a state of transformation requires effective and efficient leadership. As a new or even seasoned leader, you might ask yourself, “What does it take to make it as a leader in today’s Air Force?” As I pondered that question, I finally narrowed my thoughts down to two leadership characteristics I feel best address this important subject: flexibility and enthusiasm.

The first leadership characteristic a leader needs in today’s Air Force is flexibility. Flexibility is defined and described in many references as the quality of being adaptable. The Air Force has transformed itself to mesh into the joint force concept in order to meet military objectives and the national security strategy. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley echoed this need for flexibility and adaptability in a speech Oct. 11 to the American Enterprise Institute. In his speech, he referred to our

ongoing war on terrorism and the fact that we will be in it for years to come. He also said, “We will deal with this on various levels. We will deal with [it] as a joint team.”

Functioning as a joint team will require a transformation, not only in the way that we operate as a service but also in the way we lead our troops through the transformation process. As often as things change around us, one thing holds true: People still need and want to be led. No two people are exactly alike, and each person requires a different leadership approach in order to meet the challenges commonly present in the face of change.

What will you do to remain a flexible leader? It will require an open mind to new, more advantageous ways to address issues concerning our coworkers up and down the chain of command. In order to fulfill this requirement, we have to know our people and how to detect opportunities to use the leadership skills we all learned at some point in our career, whether in basic training, professional military education or some other form of professional development. Flexible leadership requires leaders to have a finger on the pulse of the people and make appropriate adjustments and modifications to keep the proper rhythm.

As important as flexibility is to effective leadership, enthusiasm is an equally important characteristic for leaders in today’s Air Force. Ralph Waldo Emerson

stated it well when he said, “Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.” Enthusiasm basically translates into the energy a person has towards doing something. If a person isn’t excited or energized about what they’re doing, then it often becomes difficult to encourage or motivate others.

Imagine for a moment a person you revere as an enthusiastic leader and what it is or would be like to work for that person. How much of a factor is that person’s energy and overall involvement level in your choice? Now, imagine that same person without the enthusiasm, energy or drive that makes them such a good leader. How motivated would you be to do the job or work for that person now?

If your imagination is anything like mine then you’re probably not very motivated. Top Air Force leaders all the way down to the lowest ranking Airman need and expect greatness from today’s leaders. Without great leaders, we

wouldn’t be the greatest, most dominate air power ever.

It’ll take enthusiasm to get our troops to do all that they have been trained to do. Without enthusiasm as a prominent leadership characteristic, we run the risk of losing touch with Airmen across the board. Those who need a little help in this area might ask, “Where can I buy some of this enthusiasm stuff?” Well, the news is not good - you can’t buy it. It’s a trait you either have or you don’t. If you already have it, use it; if you don’t have it, you need to develop it.

Enthusiasm is something that needs to be genuine, honest and sincere. For many people it requires them to move out of their comfort zone and into uncharted territory, and that can be unsettling. However, being enthusiastic doesn’t mean you have to be phony. Phoniness is viewed as insincerity and will most likely damage relationships you’ve established.

Developing enthusiasm re-

quires you to seek out a mentor to gain some knowledge and insight on the matter. Chances are the person you identified a moment ago as an enthusiastic leader would be a great place to start the mentoring process. Now, all you have to do is ask for help.

Realizing the world and Air Force are transforming requires us to make some adjustments to overcome any challenges that come with change. That is what we do; we change to allow a change to take place.

The changes we are able to make depend on the amount of flexibility we have as leaders of today’s Air Force. The word “asymmetric” is often used to describe something not the same on all sides, something that isn’t identical. Well, that word applies to challenges we face and Airmen that we lead.

In order to deal with challenges and Airmen, leaders in today’s Air Force need to be flexible and adapt accordingly. As we display our flexibility, we need to have the enthusiasm and energy necessary to not only drive ourselves, but those who feed off of us – those whom we lead.

Keeping in mind that we all lead in one way or another, we can benefit from incorporating these two leadership characteristics into our “toolbox.” So, to sum it all up into one catchy phrase, we need to be “Enthusiastically flexible.” That’s what it takes to be a leader in today’s Air Force.

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COL. CHARLES SHUGG

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COL. CHARLES SHUGG
366TH FIGHTER WING
COMMANDER

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<i>As of this week</i>	
Air Force	10
ACC	38
12th Air Force	4

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366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	
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25	
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<i>(Courtesy AADD)</i>	



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Airman credits brother-in-law for decision to join

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Most people have a hero or someone they credit for being the person they are today.

For me, that person isn’t a teacher, supervisor or parent. While I have had my share of influential people in my life, that credit goes to Senior Airman Jason Cunningham.

Before March 4, 2002, I had never seriously thought about joining the military. I went to see recruiters when I graduated from high school and listened to what they had to say. But, I never really considered the military as a career path.

I wanted to do something important with my life; I just didn’t know what. I worked hard at what I thought I wanted to be, reaching most of my goals and being relatively successful.

But that all changed on March 4, 2002. That morning, my wife and I received a phone call at 5:30. A phone call that early is usually bad news, and this time was no

different.

My mother-in-law called to tell us that Jason - her son, my wife’s brother, an Air Force pararescuer - had been killed in Afghanistan.

Most of the two weeks after that were a blur. Unless you are faced with it, no one can possibly understand the pain and suffering a situation like that brings.

I felt completely helpless, doing everything I could for the people I love, but always feeling like I came up short.

Before then, I had never directly faced war. As a civilian living in a town without any kind of military influence, other than the local recruiters, I felt a million miles away.

Before that moment, I had never considered the effect war could have on my life. Military service is a responsibility. Jason showed me that by his dedication, service and commitment. Not one time, did anyone who knew Jason think that he wouldn’t succeed at whatever he did.

One of the most powerful moments I experienced was at Jason’s funeral at Arlington National Cemetery. I remember seeing a three-star general salute Jason’s casket as it made its way to his final resting place.

I am here to tell you, even as a civilian, I understood how powerful an image that was. I could see in his face how much respect he had for the fallen Airman.

After the funeral, I had a lot of time to think, and came to a conclusion. I knew I wanted to serve my country the way Jason did, the way that all our fallen servicemembers have.

When Jason died, he left behind a wife and two daughters. I didn’t feel it was right for me to stay home with my wife and kids, enjoying the freedom he fought for. I couldn’t stay home when people like him were unselfishly risking everything. I felt it was my responsibility to stand up and fight.

For that reason, I have a tremendous amount of respect for anyone wearing the uniform of the U.S. military.

It doesn’t matter what job they chose or why they joined, because the bottom line is they accepted the responsibility. They stepped up to defend our country.

Too often, I think we forget why we are here and why we chose this path in our lives. I have a daily reminder of why I am here. Not a day goes by that I don’t think of Jason and what he left behind.

In my technical school class, my instructor would write a question on the board every day. Most of the time it was something like, “What is your favorite movie?”

Usually, I would think for a minute, never really picking out an answer that mattered to me.

But one day he wrote: “If you could talk to anyone, living or dead, who would it be?” Most of my classmates wrote someone famous.

As soon as I saw that question, I knew my answer. Like most of the people affected by Jason’s death, I would give anything for one more conversation with him. I would share with him what his life, and death, meant to me.

Where ever my Air Force career takes me, one person deserves the credit.

That person is Senior Airman Jason Cunningham.

WELCOME NEWEST 'YOUNG GUNS'

Baby’s name: Jorden Allen Fields Parent’s Names: Teriesha and Allen Fields Birth date:Dec. 1	Baby’s name: Zander Riddick Grover Parent’s names: Adrienne and Joseph Grover Birth date: Dec. 5	Baby’s name: Danica Lea Trouten Parent’s names: Deena and Christopher Trouten Birth date: Dec. 10
Baby’s name: Justin Mark Anthony Hannah II Parent’s names: Jennifer and Justin Hannah Birth date: Dec. 2	Baby’s name: Verlayne Sue Hawkinson Parent’s names: Michelle and Cody Hawkinson Birth date: Dec. 7	Baby’s name: Evan Tyler Lafferty Parent’s names: Sonta and Steven Lafferty Birth date: Dec. 11
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Air Warfare Battlelab: Turning ideas into reality

By Staff Sgt.
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Each battlelab is specialized, but they all have the same goal in mind – to develop an idea into something the warfighter can use to do their job better, said Lt. Col. Mark Koopman, AWB deputy commander.

“(Our battlelab) looks for innovative ways to improve expeditionary operations, from initial deployment through employment and sustainment at the (area of responsibility) to redeployment back home. That is essentially our mission,” the colonel said.

While some of their unique concepts originate from within the network of officers and enlisted personnel from more than 25 different career fields, the good majority come from their biggest source of inspiration – you.



MAJ. ANDREA VINYARD AND TECH. SGT. BRIAN HUMPHREY, AIR WARFARE BATTLELAB, LOOK AT A STABILIZED PORTABLE OPTICAL TARGET TRACKING RECEIVER. SPOTTR WILL BE USED BY JOINT TACTICAL AIR CONTROLLERS AND AIRBORNE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS TO IDENTIFY WHERE GROUND BASED AND AIRBORNE LASERS ARE DESIGNATING IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE CORRECT TARGET IS BEING LASED.

“People need to realize we are here for them,” said Tech Sgt. Brian Humphrey, AWB aircraft maintenance systems project officer. “If they have a need or know of some sort of solution out there, we want to know about it.”

Whether it’s coming from the boardroom or the flightline, the AWB relies on the input from both the military and civilian sectors.

“At least every 10 months to two years, we visit all (major command) headquarters, and take a contingent of people from all the battlelabs to meet with the functional managers who know best about what is going on and what is needed the most,” said Colonel Koopman. “We also go to maintenance symposiums all over the world to get the most cutting edge and up-to-date information from

contractors and the bluesuiters that may attend those.”

Although they yield a number of inputs networking with key leaders, their best feedback comes straight from the horse’s mouth.

“The warfighters can have the smallest ideas or the simplest needs, and there are so many ways we can meet those needs ...,” said Sergeant Humphrey, who spent 16 years as an F-16 crew chief. “I couldn’t do my job without getting input from the flightline and maintenance units.”

Once they have gathered what normally amounts to a plethora of ideas, the professionals approach the most difficult part of their job – sorting through and deciding which ideas have merit.

“We take the ideas that were submitted and the reasons why,

and we definitely take a personal view of everything and look at it, but it has to make a big impact and meet expeditionary needs,” said Colonel Koopman. “Every idea that comes to us, we consider, but there’s a finite number of people and money that we have to work ideas.”

Of the more than 470 initiatives the AWB has reviewed more to date, about 40 that have either fully or partially changed the lives of warfighters, and business is not due to slow down any time soon.

We are currently working 20 initiatives that have been approved for funding and three draft initiatives that are in the approval process, said Colonel Koopman.

With an onslaught of new ideas coming at them every day and an already heavy workload, the Airmen work as a team to get an idea

from concept to development in 18 months.

“I am the lead on three projects and a team member on four others,” said Sergeant Humphrey. “... Even though I am not a team lead on all those projects, it helps to have a good working relationship with the rest of the people on your team because the initiative doesn’t stop if I go on leave. It doesn’t stop if I go (on a temporary duty assignment) for another initiative. I have to constantly be working on those initiatives and relying on the other team members to help me out.”

Despite the hectic schedule and the difficulty they may have juggling the act, the impact one idea can have on their clients is enough to keep them going.

“My biggest reward has been knowing that I can take an idea from the concept stage to development and find a need for it out there in the warfighters – the guys whose boots are on the flightline, the guys who are deploying to the desert – and I can give them this widget that is going to improve their warfighting capabilities in about 18 months,” said Sergeant Humphrey. “... I know I am making a difference for them.”

To submit an idea to the AWB, log onto www.mountainhome.af.mil/AWB/IdeaSubmission.htm or call 828-1743.

DEPLOYED GUNFIGHTERS IN ACTION



TECH. SGT. CHARLES HARRISON (LEFT) AND AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JOSHUA DERCO, BOTH GUNFIGHTERS ARE DEPLOYED TO THE 376TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING, PREPARE TO FORCE ENTRY INTO THE “SMOKING DORM.” FIREFIGHTERS FROM THE 376TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING RUSH FROM STATION ONE TO ANSWER A REPORT OF SMOKE IN THE DORMS. THE EMERGENCY TURNED OUT TO BE AN EXERCISE, THE UNIT’S FIRST SINCE ARRIVING ON BASE LAST WEEK, BUT THE SCENARIO WAS BASED ON REAL HAZARDS.

DoD plans to boost access to military child care

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The availability of child-care services for military families will receive a boost from a multifaceted approach by the Defense Department, a senior official here said Jan. 26.

“We project the (child-care) needs as greater than what we’re offering at this point,” said Jan Witte, director of DoD’s office of children and youth.

The ongoing realignment of

U.S. forces from longstanding overseas bases to stateside installations and high operational tempos are placing demands on the military child-care system, Ms. Witte said. Consequently, DoD wants to “jump-start” its military child-care programs to provide more spaces for the children of active-duty and Reserve-component servicemembers.

“Currently, we’re using a multipronged approach” to increase military child-care capacity, Ms. Witte said, noting DoD will continue to build on-post facilities.

Clebrating history

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tion for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915. Beginning in 1926, Woodson launched Negro History Week on the second week of February so Americans could reflect on the history and contributions made by African Americans. He chose this

time because it marks the birth-days of writer Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln, two men who greatly influenced the African American population. In the 1970s, the celebration was expanded to include the whole month.

CMS sets bar for War Readiness Engine supply

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repair, test cell and support sections are the four areas responsible for inspecting, repairing and testing all of the engines the wing uses for training and combat sorties. The components that make up a jet engine are not only complicated but also very expensive. One mistake and a multimillion dollar engine can be lost.

“These engines are designed to withstand incredible thermal dynamic extremes, but if you factor in just one small foreign object like a safety wire clipping, you could have a two to three million dollar paper weight,” said Staff Sgt. Michael McMahon, test cell technician. “This is why we strive to keep our engine test facilities ‘hospital’ clean.”

The fragile nature of the inner workings of the jet engine make them prone to expensive damage if care is not taken during their maintenance and operation, but the maintainers here say while foreign object damage is their prime threat, the key to

success is planning. By maximizing the time the engine remains installed, the flight can focus on the needed repairs for engines that may require a complete overhaul. With three airframes and three different engines to maintain, supply becomes critical.

“Because we maintain three types of engines, our war readiness engine levels are a little more difficult to balance because of parts and the supply pipeline,” said Tech. Sgt. Ricky Cochran, JEIM production supervisor. “This is where working with engine management and the various AMUs becomes critical to our success. Keeping a steady supply of engines and maintaining the proper WRE levels becomes a bit of a tight rope act.”

The flight maintains the Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-220 and two models F100-PW-229 series engines. While most propulsion flights concern themselves with only one engine line, they have the added task of maintaining three. The F-15C, F-15E and

F-16 engine lines all require spare engines be ready for deployments.

In 2005, they sustained average WRE levels of 111 percent for their 220-series engines and 127 percent for their 229-series engines. The Air Force average for both of these engines is 82 and 91 percent respectively. This represents the best base-level statistics in the Air Force for these engines.

“We have a certain number of spare engines for each series,” said Sergeant Redman. “The Air Force mandates a percentage of those as war readiness engines, and they must be ready to go at all times. We not only keep the number allotted ready, but we also strive to go above WRE to maximize the wing’s training and combat capabilities.”

The flight received, inspected, repaired, tested and delivered 106 engines during 2005. On top of this, the secondary power section reduced jet fuel starter ground aborts by 19 percent by inspecting units from depot prior to use. Through this process they held depot

accountable for more than \$1.2 million worth of faulty assets and saved numerous labor hours in troubleshooting and maintenance.

Without the jet engine, the high tech aircraft so vital to the mission would never leave the ground or be able to defend America against airborne threats. Bombing missions would be all on paper if the aircraft could not deliver the munitions onto the selected targets. The maintainers here say they recognize the importance of their work and are dedicated to the highest quality standards possible.

“Our job is to provide the Air Force with quality engines that are ready to see combat conditions and perform flawlessly hour after hour,” said Sergeant Cochran. “Our pilots are risking their lives, and we intend to ensure that they never have to worry about their engines not performing to the highest standards

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FTAC award winners

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Kristina Garza, 366th Maintenance Operation Squadron, who was named the First Term Airmen Center’s “Sharp Troop” for being the top performer of Class 06-E.

Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Kenton J. Chigbrow, 366th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, on winning the “Gunfighter Pride” award for Class 06-E.

12th Air Force awards

Congratulations to the following Gunfighters on winning the 2005 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award:

SENIOR MASTER SGT.
THOMAS PARKINSON
OUTSTANDING AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR SUPERVISOR

SENIOR AIRMAN JOSEPH SWIETEK
OUTSTANDING AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR TECHNICIAN

SENIOR AIRMAN MATTHEW SCHUYLER
OUTSTANDING MISSILE/ MUNITIONS PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR TECHNICIAN

Load crew of the fourth quarter

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Kenneth McCue, Senior Airman Dixie Cleveland and Senior Airman Lars Wetli from the 391st Aircraft Maintenance Unit for winning load crew of the quarter.

NEWSLINE

Mardi Gras celebration

The Officers’ Spouses’ Club is celebrating Mardi Gras with a luncheon and best mask contest Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gunfighters Club. The cost is \$8.25 for club members \$10.25 for nonmembers. R.S.V.P. to Andrea Mattern by calling 587-3522 no later than Wednesday.

ALS graduation

Gunfighter Airman Leadership School Class 06-C graduates Thursday at the Gunfighters Club. Social hour is at 6 p.m., and the ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.

Visitor center hours

The visitor center is open 24 hours a day for temporary visitor’s passes, temporary vehicle passes and to register a vehicle on the installation. Normal pass and registration hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Monique Hester at 828-6098.

Gen. Henry Arnold Education Grant

Concerned about the soaring cost of higher education for your children? The Air Force Aid Society can help. In recognition of escalating college costs, the society increased the individual award amount under its Gen. Henry H Arnold Education Grant Program to \$2,000. The program continues to be offered to children and spouses (residing state-side) of active duty and several other candidate categories. The deadline to apply is March 10. For more information and an application, call the family support center at 828-2458.

Did you know?

If your work center has found a better way to do its job, but doesn't have the money to purchase new equipment, chances are the Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment program is for you. For more information, call 828-2731.



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ROBERT RICHARDSON
THE 52ND EDITION OF TOPS IN BLUE TOOK CENTER STAGE AT MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE JAN. 26 WITH THEIR "... AND THE BEAT GOES ON" TOUR. TOPS IN BLUE HAS 109 TOUR DATES SCHEDULED BETWEEN JULY 2 WHEN THE TOUR KICKED OFF AT TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLA., UNTIL THE FINAL SHOW AT LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS, MARCH 10.

... And the Beat Goes On for Tops In Blue

BY SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN STIVES
GUNFIGHTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

With more than a half century of “breaking-a-leg” behind them, what does Tops In Blue, the elite expeditionary entertainment troupe, do for an encore?

They take care of their Air Force family. It’s what they do best.

The 52nd edition of Tops In Blue is once again globetrotting to wherever fellow bluesuiters are stationed, sharing their performing talents that have made them a household name in the show business industry.

Their "... And the Beat Goes On" tour took center stage at Mountain Home Air Force Base Jan. 26 where they entertained Gunfighters of all ages.

Gunfighters enjoyed a story line revolving around the revitalization of a fictional 1940s nightclub, The Ritz. The Tops In Blue cast opened with some of the Big Band era’s popular swing tunes, then went into a musical journey through the advent and progression of rock ‘n’ roll.

True to their heritage, the 52nd edition of Tops In Blue sports performers represent a cross-section of the Air Force. The current troupe has five members from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, plus two each from Malmstrom AFB, Mont., and Keesler AFB, Miss. Twenty four other installations have one each.



TOPS IN BLUE PERFORMERS INTERACT WITH AUDIENCE MEMBERS ON MANY OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.



SENIOR AIRMAN ERIKA PLACENCIA, TOPS IN BLUE VOCALIST, SERENADES SENIOR AIRMAN CHRIS GRUBE, 366TH MISSION SUPPORT SQUADRON.



STAFF SGT. EDDIE BERNAL TAKES THE LEAD FOR THE TOPS IN BLUE FINALE.



COL. CHARLES SHUGG, 366TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER, PRESENTS 1ST LT. TAMILYN BECKER, TOPS IN BLUE OIC, WITH A PLAQUE ON BEHALF OF THE GUNFIGHTERS FOR HAVING TOPS IN BLUE PERFORM.



EVEN AFTER THE SHOW ENDS AROUND 9 P.M., MEMBERS OF THE TOPS IN BLUE WAIT AROUND TO MEET THE AUDIENCE. ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ASPECTS OF TOPS IN BLUE IS THE ABILITY TO ENTERTAIN AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES. FROM GRANDPARENTS TO GRANDCHILDREN AND EVERY AGE IN BETWEEN, EACH SHOW IS GUARANTEED TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. POP, ROCK, COUNTRY, JAZZ, R&B, PATRIOTIC, GOSPEL, CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN, CHILDREN’S, TOP 100 AND NOSTALGIA – TOPS IN BLUE DID IT ALL MAKING A TOPS IN BLUE SHOW ENJOYABLE FOR EVERYONE.

UPCOMING
SPORTING
EVENTS

Intro to skiing and snowboarding

Feb. 11 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$25. This one-day class is designed to introduce children ages 6 to 15 and their parents to the realities of learning to ski. All parts of the class are taught on the beginner hill and must be attended by the parents. All equipment, transportation and instructions are included in the price.

For more information, call 828-6288.

Varsity basketball game

The Mountain Home Air Force Base Gunfighters varsity basketball team will take on Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Feb. 11 at 1 and 5 p.m. and also Feb. 12 at noon at the fitness center. They will then travel to Hill AFB for a rematch Feb. 18 and 19.

‘Lots of Heart’ Valentine’s fun run

The is scheduled Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Snacks will be provided after the run and they will also have many door prizes to give away.

For more information or to sign up, call 828-2381. Deadline to enter is Feb. 10.

Kayak polo

The event is scheduled Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the fitness center pool. The event is open to everyone 12 years and over. The cost is \$5. Take the kayak pool lessons to a new level. If kayak lessons are needed, they will be given before play begins.

For more information or to register, call 828-6288. Deadline to enter is Feb. 16.

Fly tying

This is a four-part class. Classes are held Feb. 14, 16, 21 and 23. The cost is \$50. This class is designed to teach the basics of tying flies. The priority will be on dry flies and nymphs. Techniques for creating more intricate flies will be presented as well. All materials and tools will be provided and the flies that are made can be taken home.

For more information, call 828-6288.

Indoor introduction to golf

Classes will be held Feb. 14, 16, 21 and 23. This is a free introductory to golf program that will be conducted in the small exercise room at the fitness center. The sessions will be taught by an on-staff Professional Golf Association member. All the necessary equipment will be provided. Areas to be covered will include the grip, stance, swing and etiquette. This instruction is intended to introduce non-golfers to the sport, but current golfers are also welcome.

For more information, call 828-6559. Deadline to enter the Feb. 14 class is Feb. 10.

Air Guardsman soars into Super Bowl XL

By Army Sgt. Jim Greenhill
National Guard Bureau

Bryce Fisher the “Guardsman” can earn a medal or a ribbon or receive a commander’s coin for a job well done.

Now, Bryce Fisher the “football player” has a shot at a Super Bowl ring and a title his hometown has been waiting 30 years for. The Seahawks, the newly crowned National Football Conference champions, will play the American Football Conference champion Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XL Sunday in Detroit.

Fisher, 28, is the Seahawks’ starting left defensive end, No. 94. Since being sworn in last November, he is also Capt. Bryce Fisher, a Washington Air National Guard public affairs officer.

After the Seahawks’ 34-14 victory over Carolina in the NFC championship Jan. 22, Fisher ran onto Qwest Field, a place that owner Paul Allen designed to be deliberately deafening.

With the crowd noise rivaling the roar of two F-16 Fighting Falcons at full throttle, Fisher hugged his teammates. He reached into the stands to grasp the hands of fans. But most of all he smiled. A huge, toothy grin.

Being a Guardsman helped him get here, he said, yelling to be heard above the crowd.

“The Air Force gave me my opportunity to succeed and play football in college, and if it hadn’t been for the things I learned - the discipline, the teamwork - I don’t think I ever would have got to be a part of a thing like this,” he said.

He jogged off to embrace another teammate and watch the trophy presentation at midfield.

His roles as a Guardsman and pro football player work two ways. He brings the discipline of the military to the team. As he soars with the Seahawks, he high-



PHOTO BY ARMY SGT. JIM GREENHILL
DEFENSIVE END (No. 94) Bryce Fisher, a captain in the Washington Air National Guard, gets airborne while trying to block a Carolina Panthers’ extra-point kick during the Seattle Seahawks’ 34-14 victory over the Carolina Panthers in Seattle on Jan. 22. When he’s not playing defensive end, No. 94 is a captain and a public affairs officer in the Washington Air National Guard.

lights the role of the Air National Guard to the nation.

“It puts my name out there,” Fisher said in the locker room after the game. “And it gives me a chance to shed some light that there are a lot of people who are Soldiers in a lot of different environments - doctors, lawyers - and they’re doing their one weekend a month and two weeks a year, doing great things.”

As the 6-foot-3, 268-pound Fisher changed into a sweatshirt and jeans, Tim Ruskell, the Seahawks’ president of football operations, said the qualities that the defensive end honed in the Guard are an asset to the team.

“We’re just so proud of what he’s accomplished,” Mr. Ruskell said. “Not his numbers - I mean, the sacks are great and everything - but the character that he brings to our locker room, the discipline and the preparation and the work

ethic. And that permeates throughout the locker room - certainly along the defensive line - and it adds to what this team has done.”

Head Coach Mike Holmgren echoed that observation the day after the Seahawks clinched the NFC title. He paused in a corridor at the Seahawks’ training facility in Kirkland, a suburb of rolling hills and lakes north-east of Seattle, during a training break. “First of all, Bryce has had a great season,” Coach Holmgren said. “He brings a very disciplined attitude, a very try-hard attitude and an attitude that he goes 150 miles per hour all the time - a kind of never-quit kind of attitude. And I’m sure there’s a lot of carryover from his military background.”

Coach Holmgren was looking for exactly that kind of discipline when he brought Fisher to Seattle as one of the

“tweaks” that turned the team from also-rans into Super Bowl contenders.

“He brought the type of character that we’re looking for,” Coach Holmgren said, “and the type of never quit, high effort, ‘go until I can’t go anymore’ attitude.”

Fisher was quick to talk up the Seahawks’ offense. It is said the best offense is a good defense, and Fisher is having the best season of his five-year NFL career. He is part of a team that can claim to be the only defense to shut down Panthers’ wide receiver Steve Smith this year.

He made 34 solo tackles, assisted on 13 others and sacked quarterbacks a team-high nine times during the Seahawks’ 13-3 regular season. He has recorded five tackles, four assists and one sack during Seattle’s playoff victories over Washington and Carolina.

When Fisher came to the Seahawks from St. Louis for this season, he came home. He was born in Renton, Wash., May 12, 1977. That made the NFC title especially sweet. It was the Seattle franchise’s first championship in its 30-year history.

“Man, you can’t beat this at all,” he said during those gleeful moments on the field after the victory. “Thirty years for a thing like this. It’s time for us to bring this thing home. It’s time for us to finish this thing off. All these analysts that said, ‘Seattle can’t do this, can’t do that,’ all they know is there’s 30 teams at home wishing they were where we are.”

That’s the competitive spirit that pushed Fisher through the U.S. Air Force Academy where he graduated in 1999.

“I wasn’t focused on the NFL at the academy,” he said. “I was focused on graduating and learning to be a good officer. Then the opportunity presented itself to convert my commitment to Reserve time, and I took that.”

He spent two years on active duty before negotiating to serve nine years of Reserve time to complete his military commitment. He picked the Air National Guard. His father, Richard, was in the Army Reserve.

Fisher is a family man. His decision to play for Seattle was focused on a good place for his wife Bobbi and their two children to live. So did being close to his parents. The Jan. 22 victory, like the play-off win over Washington the previous weekend, was as much for his family as anyone.

“My family’s been rooting for this team for so long,” he said. “Especially my dad and my brother.

“This is where I grew up. I’m on the middle to back half of my career. This is the kind of place that I wanted to be (with) my wife and kids. This is the kind of city and kind of organization that I wanted to be a part of.

“We wanted to be close to one of our families, either mine or hers. Now I’m getting a chance to start in the Super Bowl.”

If Fisher’s Super Bowl XL appearance is followed by orders deploying him for duty with the Air National Guard, he’ll still have his game face on.

“If they say it’s time for me to go, it’s time for me to go,” he said. “When I signed on to be in the military, I knew what I was signing on for. It’s part of my commitment. I’ve been blessed to have some great commanders that have put me in great positions.

“If the president says, ‘Look, we want the public affairs officer of the Washington (Air) National Guard,’ then it’s time for me to go do that.”

Fisher says the Air National Guard can offer young adults a great start in life.

“I really believe that young men and women can benefit from serving and learning to be in a team environment,” he said. “Learning that it’s not all about me. It’s about the organization. It’s about doing something higher,” he said.

“As a member of the Guard now instead of active duty, I get to still be a part of that and I’m thankful.”

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

Basketball Standings

Intramural
West

Team	Record
CMS	7 - 0
EMS	5 - 3
CES	5 - 2
AMXS (A)	5 - 2
MDG	3 - 5
AMXS (B)	2 - 3
LRS	2 - 5
726th ACS	0 - 8

East

Team	Record
MOS	7 - 0
OSS	5 - 2
CS	4 - 2
SVS	2 - 4
Bldg. 512	2 - 4
AMXS (C)	1 - 5
SFS	1 - 5

Over 30

Team	Record
Bldg. 512	7 - 0
CMS	5 - 1
CS	5 - 2
MDG	4 - 2
Chiefs/Shirts	3 - 4
LRS	1 - 6
CES	1 - 6
SVS	0 - 5

UPCOMING
GAMES

MONDAY

Over 30

CS vs. MDG - 11 a.m.
Chiefs/Shirts vs. SVS - noon

Intramural

CMS vs. 726th ACS - 5 p.m.
EMS vs. CES - 6 p.m.
AMXS (A) vs. MDG - 7 p.m.
AMXS (B) vs. LRS - 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Over 30

LRS vs. CES - 11 a.m.
Bldg. 512 vs. CMS - noon

Intramural

No games due to annual awards

WEDNESDAY

Over 30

SVS vs. Bldg. 512 - 11 a.m.
CES vs. MDG - noon

Intramural

AMXS (A) vs. CES - 5 p.m.
726th ACS vs. LRS - 6 p.m.
MDG vs. AMXS (B) - 7 p.m.
CMS vs. EMS - 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Over 30

CMS vs. Chiefs/Shirts - 11 a.m.
LRS vs. CS - noon

Intramural

No games due to Airman Leadership School graduation

GUNFIGHTERS SPEAK OUT ON ...

Who do you want to win the Super Bowl and why?



“Seahawks. Because I hate the Steelers even though my wife wants them to win.”

STAFF SGT.
JAMES LAMONT
366TH CMS



“I always root for the underdog, so whoever is losing during the game.”

STAFF SGT. DANIEL WEY
366TH CMS



“Steelers because they’re closer to where I’m from - New Jersey.”

1ST LT.
RAHEEM MCCORMICK
366TH CS



“As long as the Seahawks DON’T win, I’m happy!”

STAFF SGT.
LISA RODRIGUEZ
366TH CMS



“Steelers. Everyone in my shop wants the Seahawks to win, plus I use to live in PA.”

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
RYAN DUNSTON
366TH AMXS



“Seattle. But I really only want to watch the commercials.”

2ND LT.
HEATHER OGLETREE
366TH MSS



“Steelers. They had the most difficult schedule and seem to want it more.”

STAFF SGT.
JONATHAN MCGUIRE
366TH EMS



“Seattle because the west is starting to come alive in football.”

JUAN LUNA
366TH FIGHTER WING/JA



“Seahawks. They’re from the northwest.”

MILDRED MCNEAL
366TH LRS



“I was pulling for the Bears to win so I don’t care now.”

JENNIFER ALONZO
BLDG. 512 MOXIE JAVA

SERVICES

Auto skills center

Contract mechanic and paint and body tech — Work is done by appointment only.

To make an appointment, call 828-2295.

Bowling center

Family special — Bowl for \$1 a game every Sunday.

For more information, call 828-6329.

Community center

Valentine's Day balloon bouquet delivery — Orders will be taken through Feb. 13. Deliveries can be made on base for \$2, orders over \$15 are delivered for free.

Instructors needed — The community center is looking for experienced instructors for crafts, dance, music, cooking, interior decorating, self defense, sewing, quilting, cake decorating and stamping.

Photography classes — Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 for eight sessions.

Salsa classes — Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 for five sessions.

Spanish classes — Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for eight sessions.

Dog obedience class — Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$35 for four sessions.

For more information, call 828-2246.

Youth programs

First Friday Kidz Klub — Tonight from 6:30 to 9 p.m. for children age 6 to 8. The cost is \$5 per person (members get \$1 off).

Family Skate Night — Saturday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5, members get \$1 off. Parents skate free.

Valentines Sweetheart Social — Feb. 10 children ages 9 to 12 can dance from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and teens dance from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$7 per person, members get \$1off. Dress up and get \$1 off.

For more information, call 828-2501.

Outdoor adventure program

Winter Sports Day — Today at Bogus Basin Ski Resort.

Map and compass class — Today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

GPS class — Sunday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$6.

Kayak pool session — Monday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the base pool. No registration needed. The cost is \$3.

For more information, call 828-6333.

Outdoor recreation supply

Video rentals — Video rentals are available for sportsmen's needs. Week-end rentals are \$1, day rates are \$0.75 and additional days are \$0.50.

Sportsman camp trailer special — Camp trailers can be reserved on the first working day of the month and may be reserved for the following month. Prices are \$60 per weekend, \$45 over night and \$15 each additional day.

On-consignment ski swap — Bring in your used skis and snowboards and leave them on consignment. Customers can then call you to purchase them.

For more information, call 828-2237.

Library

Multimedia center — Features color copier, scanner and photo printing.

Story time — Wednesdays at 1 p.m. for supervised children ages 3 to 5.

Pony Espresso Café – New hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. they serve a variety of coffee drinks, smoothies and pastries.

Video club — Members pay \$12 per year and can borrow up to three videos at a time for a one-week rental.

For more information, call 828-2326.

Pizza Etc.

February special — One 16-inch one-topping pizza and four 24-ounce sodas for \$18.

Soup of the day —
Monday — Chicken gumbo
Tuesday — Chicken and dumplings
Wednesday — Creamy potato with bacon

Thursday — Cream of Broccoli
Friday — Clam chowder

Marketing

Check us out on the web at www.MHAFBFun.com. Get club coupons and stay up to date on exciting 366th Services Squadron events.

CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday mass — 8 a.m.
CCD Sunday — 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. for 3 year olds to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.
Daily mass — Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday School — 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for 6 month olds to adults; located in the Religious Education Building.
Traditional Service — Sunday at 11 a.m. Also provided at this time are a Children's Church for 4 year olds to second grade and Wee Joy for 6 months to 5 years.

VIPER VISITS



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VIPER HELPS AIRMAN NATHAN ALTMAN, 366TH EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT SHOP, ON A SEWING PROJECT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE VIPER TO VISIT YOUR SHOP, CALL THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AT 828-6800 OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO PA.NEWS@MOUNTAINHOME.AF.MIL

Gospel Jubilee Service — Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

Protestant extras — Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Building.

WELLNESS

Improving credit scores

Managing credit is more important and complicated than ever and can cost you money. Learn how to establish and improve credit and get out of credit debt. Class is held Wednesday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

Baby care basics

Take the first steps in parenting. Learn the essentials of basic care and safety for that new member of the family, whether this is a first or second child. Class is held Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at family advocacy. To register, call 828-7566 or 828-7520.

Developing a career profile

Excellent career plans start with self-awareness. Discover possible career choices through self-assessment tests and learn more about career personality types, interests, skills and work values. Class is Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

Heart Link

Learn to adjust, adapt and belong to the Air Force family. This interactive and informative program gives spouses the tools to understand and navigate through the Air Force mission, customs, traditions and support services. With the Heart Link advantage, you have the tools to take care of yourself, family and community. Class is held Feb. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gunfighters Club. To register, call 828-2458.

Siblings

Children ages 2 and up can learn to understand and deal with the unique relationship of being a sibling and what to expect when the baby arrives. Class is held Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at family advocacy. To register, call 828-7566 or 828-7520.

Surviving your teens

Learn how to manage and let go of children ages 13 - 18. Master some practical guidelines for handling the complex situations and dilemmas teenagers often present. Class is Feb. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

Dad's class

A class for dads by dads. Learn to deal with joys and fears of becoming a new father. Class is Feb. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register, call 828-2458.

Anger management

Unmanaged anger destroys relationships, families and individual health. Learn to understand and control responses to anger. To receive a certificate, individuals need to attend four consecutive weeks. The class is held every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. at family advocacy. To register, call 828-7520.

English as a second language

Learn English through the four language skills of reading, speaking, listening and writing in a friendly, informal setting, to help foreign-born adults improve their English skills. Class is held every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the family support center. To register, call 828-2458.

EDUCATION NEWS

Scholarships

The Defense Commissary Agency and Military Officers Association of America have opened their 2006 programs.

The DeCA 2006 scholarship program is open until Feb. 22. Applications and complete details are available at the commissary or through www.commissaries.com.

For MOAA Scholarship Fund applications and complete details of the program, visit MOAA's Web site at www.MOAA.org/education. The application deadline is March 1.

The Officers' and Enlisted Spouses' Clubs of Mountain Home Air Force Base are also offering three separate scholarship opportunities to eligible applicants. Stop by the education center for applications. The deadline to apply is March 17. For more information, call Dawn Hollon at 832-2029.

In addition, the Aerospace Education Foundation has announced their Air Force Spouse Scholarship. For more information, visit the Web site at www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp.

CCAF graduation deadline

Community College of the Air Force students desiring to graduate this spring need to have all requirements met and submitted to CCAF by Feb. 24.

To determine the progress toward a degree, call 828-6363.

University of Oklahoma

Spring enrollments are now open. Today is the last day to enroll in the next class, Human Resource Administration, scheduled from Feb. 26 to March 4. Visit the University of Oklahoma's Web site at www.gou.ou.edu for a complete list of programs and classes. The Master of Public Administration program is open to all, military and civilian.

For more information, call 828-4188 or stop by the education center.

Boise State University

Registration is now taking place for spring block II. The spring II semester begins April 3.

For more information, call the local BSU office at 828-6746, stop by or visit www.boisestate.edu. The local office is located in the education center.

HOUSING NEWS

Outside faucets

During the cold-weather season, all hoses, doublers and timers must be disconnected from the outside faucets when not in use. If anything is left connected to the faucet when temperatures are below the freezing mark, it can freeze and cause the water pipes to burst.

If the outside faucets are constantly dripping, call housing maintenance to have them repaired. These damages are considered "beyond fair wear and tear," and if you are proven to be negligent, you will be held liable for damages.

For more information, call housing maintenance at 832-4643.

Home business activities

In accordance with AFI 32-6001, military personnel must request permission to conduct commercial activities in base housing. To start the approval process to initiate the required paperwork for your activity, visit the housing office.

For more information, call the Housing Office at 828-2781.

Snow removal

The assigned area of responsibility for sidewalk snow and ice removal is midway between the adjoining units. If a house is next to a vacant lot or semi-improved undeveloped area, the area of responsibility is any sidewalk within 50 feet of the residence.

Satellite dishes

An approved Air Force Form 332, Base Civil Engineering Work Request, must be on file at the housing office prior to installing satellite dishes in base housing. These forms and guidelines can be obtained from the housing office between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Occupants are responsible for any costs incurred and damage caused by installation and removal. The cable coming into the house belongs to the local cable company and a cost may be incurred when connecting. Satellite dishes may not be attached to roofs, vinyl siding or fencing.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

2006 McCall Winter Carnival

The 41st anniversary of the McCall Winter Carnival is a 10-day event and continues through Sunday. It hosts a great number of traditional events such as Mardi Gras Grand Parade, Snow Sculpture Contest and Grand Bingo. For event details, call 1-800-260-5130 or visit <http://mccallwintercarnival.com/>. The festival is held in McCall, Idaho.

THE BIG SCREEN

Today — *Pride and Prejudice* — PG — 7 p.m. - starring Keira Knightley and Matthew



MacFayden — In class-conscious England near the close of the 18th century, the five Bennet sisters — Elizabeth, Jane, Lydia, Mary and Kitty — have

been raised well aware of their mother's fixation on finding them husbands and securing set futures. The spirited and intelligent Elizabeth, however, strives to live her life with a broader perspective, as encouraged by her doting father. 2 hours, 8 minutes.

Saturday Matinee — *Cheaper by the Dozen 2* — PG — 1 p.m. — starring Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt. Tom and Kate, hoping to bring their family together for a memorable summer vacation, take their 12 offspring



Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday — Theater closed.

to rustic Lake Winnetka. Their retreat soon becomes cutthroat when they enter a competition with the over-achieving members of a large family headed by Tom's long-time rival, Jimmy Muraugh. 1 hour, 34 minutes.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday — *King Kong* — PG-13 - 7 p.m. — starring Naomi Watts and Adrien Brody. While filming on location at the mysterious Skull Island (near Sumatra), a group of filmmakers discover a giant gorilla named Long, living in a massive jungle were creatures from prehistoric times have been protected and hidden for millions of years. As they search for the great ape, their quest pits them against both Kong and his dinosaur enemies. Ultimately, it's the attention of a beautiful human woman that soothes Kong long enough for him to be subdued and shipped back to New York, where his bleak future involves being put on display in front of humans. But how long can even the mightiest shackles of man hold back an ape 25 feet tall? 3 hours, 8 minutes.

